

a calling party;

in response to the query, retrieving information further identifying the calling party; and

forwarding the information further identifying the calling party to the switch.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the calling party is calling from a terminal other than a terminal associated with the calling party.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the information associated with the calling party comprises at least one of a calling card number and a credit card number.

18. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the information further identifying the calling party comprises at least one of a name of the calling party and a telephone number of the calling party.

19. (New) In a telecommunications network, a method for providing calling party identification information to a called party, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one of a credit card number and a calling card number associated with a calling party;

in response to receiving the at least one of the credit card number and the calling card number, retrieving information further identifying the calling party; and

forwarding the information further identifying the calling party through the telecommunications network.

20. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of retrieving includes retrieving the information further identifying the calling party from a database.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the calling party is calling from a terminal other than a terminal associated with the calling party.

22. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the information further identifying the calling party comprises at least one of a name of the calling party and a telephone number of the calling party.

23. (New ) In a telecommunications network, a method for providing calling party identification to a called party, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from a switch first information associated with a call from a calling party;

retrieving second stored information associated with the first information;

determining whether the second information further identifies the calling party; and

responsive a determination that the second information further identifies the calling party,

forwarding the second information to the called party.

24. (New) An apparatus in a telecommunications network, the apparatus comprising:

an interface coupling the apparatus with a switch and for receiving and forwarding information from and to the switch;

a database storing second information associated with the first information; and

a processor configured to retrieve the second information, to determine whether the second information further identifies the calling party, and to forward the second information to a called party responsive to a determination that the second information further identifies the calling party.--